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SILVER FOX PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (U)

A. USCINCEUR ECJ3 00103 DTG 031614Z JAN 74 (NOTAL)

1. (S-NF) REF A APPROVES BLACK SEA OPERATIONS 26 JAN-10
FEB 74. RECOMMEND PASSIVE, LOW KEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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POLICY WITH NO ADVANCE NEWS RELEASE.

2. (S-NF) FOLLOWING STATEMENT PROPOSED FOR RESPONSE
TO NEWS QUERIES: (TWO) UNITS OF DESTROYER SQUADRON
TWELVE ARE CONDUCTING ROUTINE OPERATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL
WATERS OF THE BLACK SEA. THEY ARE USS WILLIAM M. WOOD (DD-715)
AND USS RICHARD L. PAGE (DEG-5). THE OPERATION BEGAN JANUARQ 26
AND WILL END FEBRUARY 1. THE UNITS ARE UNDER THE COMMAND OF
COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON TWELVE, CAPTAIN JACK E. MCQUESTON,
USN. THE TWO SHIPS ARE CLASSED A 'LIGHT SURFACE
VESSELS OF WAR' AS DEFINED IN THE MONTREUX CONVENTION,
I.E., THEIR DISPLACEMENT IS LESS THAN 10,000 TONS AND THEY
CARRY NO GUN WITH A CALIBRE EXCEEDING EIGHT IMHES OR
203 MILLIMETERS. THE SHIPS HAVE FIVE-INCH GUNS THAT ARE
WITHIN THE CONVENTION SPECIFICATIONS.

3. (S-NF) RECOMMEND FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS:

A. Q: DO THE SHIPS CARRY MISSILES? A. THE SHIPS ARE
EQUIPPED WITH ASROC, A SHORT-RANGE UNDERWATER ANTISUBMARINE
WEAPON. ASROC HAS NO CAPABILITY AGAINST LAND OR AIR TARGERS.
THE USS PAGE IS EQUIPPED WITH TARTAR, A SHORT-RANGE DEFENSIVE
SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM. DETAILS OF BOTH WEAPONS ARE
AVAILABLE IN ANY STANDARD REFERENCE WORK.

B. Q: DO THE ASROC AND TARTAR SYSTEMS HAVE NUCLEAR CAPABILITY?
A. IT IS A MATTER OF LONG STANDING POLICY TO NEITHER
CONFIRM NOR DENY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD U.S.
NAVY SHIPS.

C. Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS OPERATION? A: OPERATIONS IN THE
BLACK SEA ARE AMONG MANY EXERCISES REGULARLY SCHEDULED BY THE U.S.
NAVY TO TRAINING, MAINTAINING OPERATIONAL READINESS OF FLEET
UNITS, AND PROVIDING PERSONNEL WITH EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING IN
VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

D. Q: WHEN WAS THE LAST BLACK SEA OPERATION? A: TWO DESTROYERS,
USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS AND USS MITSCHER, OPERATED IN THE BLACK SEA
IN MAY 1973.

4. (S-NF) UNITS NAMED IN PROPOSED RESPONSE ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE PRIOR TO EXERCISE COMMENCEMENT DATE AND WILL KEEP
ALCON ADVISED.

5. (U) RECOMMEND AUTHORITY FOR UNITS TO MAKE FLEET HOME TOWN
NEWS RELEASES AND FEATURE RELEASES TO HOMEPORT AND INTERNAL
MEDIA UPON COMPLETION OF OPERATION.

6. (U) RESPONSE TO QUERIES DOWNGRADED TO UNCLASSIFIED
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